



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Education
Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

National School Lunch Program
G.S. 115C-450

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

SL 2021-180 Section 7.31 established a reporting requirement related to the operating balance restrictions for assessing indirect cost to School Nutrition Programs in G.S. 115C-450.

No later than May 15, 2022, and every six months thereafter, the Department of Public Instruction shall report the following information to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriations Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division:

- (1) The number of months of the operating balance held by the school nutrition program for each public school unit.
- (2) The amount and percentage of indirect costs charged to the school nutrition program by the public school unit, if any.

NCDPI IMPLEMENTATION

The department is currently in the process of collecting financial information from each public-school unit that participates in the National School Lunch Program in order to report the number of months operating balance and the amount of indirect cost charged to the school nutrition program. The reporting requirement in SL 2021-180 Section 7.31 occurs in the middle of when the latest financial information is typically collected. These reports are typically run two times a year, with the most current information available from December 31, 2021. Because of when the last report was run, and the fact that not all public-school units have officially reported the financial information necessary to fulfill the reporting requirement, due in large part to the various financial software reporting issues at the local level, the department anticipates all PSU data will be received, compiled, and analyzed by June 15, 2022. An updated report will be issued to the committees specified in the statute shortly thereafter.